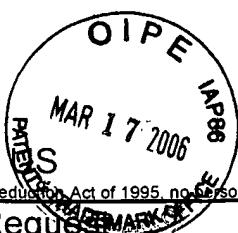


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First Named Inventor	KNAUFT, Christopher L.
Art Unit	2176
Examiner Name	NGUYEN, Maikhanh
Attorney Docket Number	03.0074

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

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## Fee Description

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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- 20 or HP =	x	=		50	25

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